

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An erasable colored pencil lead composition comprising a colorant, one or more binder resins, a fibrillatable or fibrillated material, an antioxidant, and a filler, wherein said composition is substantially free of low melting waxes or waxy materials having a melting or softening point of about 90°C or below, wherein a binder resin is a polyolefin.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4. (Original) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 1, wherein said low melting waxes or waxy materials have a needle penetration hardness value of 5 units or above.

Claim 5. (Cancelled).

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 5 1, wherein said polyolefin is selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, high melting polyolefin waxes, and combinations thereof.

Claim 7. (Original) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 6, wherein said polyolefin is combination of a polypropylene, a low density polyethylene, and a high melting polyethylene wax.

Claim 8. (Original) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 1, wherein said fibrillatable or fibrillated material is a fibrillatable or fibrillated polymer.

Claim 9. (Original) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 8, wherein said fibrillatable or fibrillated polymer is a fibrillatable or fibrillated copolymer.

Claim 10. (Original) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 9, wherein said fibrillatable or fibrillated copolymer is a fibrillatable or fibrillated ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer.

Claims 11-21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) A method for using an erasable colored pencil lead composition on a surface to be marked, the method comprising:

- (a) providing an erasable colored pencil lead composition which is capable of forming forms a cohesive layer of the composition when applied to the surface as a mark;
- (b) providing the surface; and
- (c) applying the lead to the surface to create a mark.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said erasable colored pencil lead composition comprises a colorant, one or more binder resins, a fibrillatable or fibrillated material, and a filler.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said erasable colored pencil lead composition includes a lubricant.

Claim 25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein said lubricant forms a separate domain from at least one of the binder resins.

Claim 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein said at least one of the binder resins is a polyolefin.

Claim 27. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein said lubricant is a polar material.

Claim 28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said polar material is an alkoxylated material.

Claim 29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein said alkoxylated material is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycols, alkoxylated ethers, alkoxylated lanolin, alkoxylated lanolin alcohols, ethoxylates of mono- and polyhydric alcohols, alkoxylated fatty acids, alkoxylated vegetable oils, alkoxylated hydrogenated vegetable oils, and combinations thereof.

Claim 30. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein said alkoxylated material is an ethoxylated material.

Claim 31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein said ethoxylated material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycols, ethoxylated ethers, ethoxylated lanolin, ethoxylated lanolin alcohols, ethoxylates of mono- and polyhydric alcohols, ethoxylated fatty acids, ethoxylated vegetable oils, ethoxylated hydrogenated vegetable oils, and ~~mixtures~~ combinations thereof.

Claim 32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein said ethoxylated material is polyethylene glycol.

Claim 33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said erasable colored pencil lead composition includes an antioxidant.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said erasable colored pencil composition is substantially free of low melting waxes or waxy materials having a melting or softening point of about 90°C or below.

Claim 35. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising erasing said mark using an ordinary pencil eraser.

Claim 36. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of said binder resins is a polyolefin.

Claim 37. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein said fibrillatable or fibrillated material is a fibrillatable or fibrillated polymer.

Claim 38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein said polymer is a fibrillatable or fibrillated copolymer.

Claim 39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein said fibrillatable or fibrillated copolymer is a fibrillatable or fibrillated ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer.

Claim 40. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said surface is a porous surface.

Claim 41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein said porous surface is paper.

Claims 42-68 (Cancelled).

Claim 69. (Previously Presented) An erasable colored pencil lead composition capable of producing on a White Bond paper a second mark having a not erased rating of about 15% or less, wherein said second mark is formed by erasing a first mark produced on said paper under a constant applied force which is in the range of 300-600 g with an ordinary pencil eraser applied to said first mark under a constant applied force of 600 g.

Claim 70. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 69, wherein a third mark is formed by erasing said second mark, said third mark having an eraser smear rating of about 30% or less wherein the eraser is extended outside said first mark on the paper to a distance equal to the distance erased on said first mark to create said third mark.

Claim 71. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 69, wherein said first mark has a blending stump smudging rate of about 20% or less, wherein said blending stump is used to rub said first mark under a constant applied force of 1200 g and the stump was extended outside said first mark on the paper to a distance equal to the distance rubbed on the mark.

Claim 72. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 69, wherein a third mark is formed by erasing said second mark, said third mark having an eraser smear rating of about 20% or less wherein the eraser is extended outside said first mark on the paper to a distance equal to the distance erased on said first mark to create said third mark.

Claim 73. (Currently Amended) An erasable colored pencil lead composition which ~~is capable of forming~~ forms a cohesive layer when applied to a surface.

Claim 74. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 73, which comprises a colorant, one or more binder resins, a fibrillatable or fibrillated material, and a filler.

Claim 75. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 74, including a lubricant.

Claim 76. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 75, wherein said lubricant forms a separate domain from at least one of the binder resins.

Claim 77. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 76, wherein said at least one of the binder resins is a polyolefin.

Claim 78. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 75, wherein said lubricant is a polar material.

Claim 79. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition method of claim 78, wherein said polar material is an alkoxylated material.

Claim 80. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 79, wherein said alkoxylated material is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycols, alkoxylated ethers, alkoxylated lanolin, alkoxylated lanolin alcohols, alkoxylates of mono- and polyhydric alcohols, alkoxylated fatty acids, alkoxylated vegetable oils, alkoxylated hydrogenated vegetable oils, and combinations thereof.

Claim 81. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 79, wherein said alkoxylated material is an ethoxylated material.

Claim 82. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 81, wherein said ethoxylated material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycols, ethoxylated ethers, ethoxylated lanolin, ethoxylated lanolin alcohols, ethoxylates of mono- and polyhydric alcohols, ethoxylated fatty acids, ethoxylated vegetable oils, ethoxylated hydrogenated vegetable oils, and ~~mixtures~~ combinations thereof.

Claim 83. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 82, wherein said ethoxylated material is polyethylene glycol.

Claim 84. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 74, including an antioxidant.

Claim 85. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 73, which is substantially free of low melting waxes or waxy materials having a melting or softening point of about 90°C or below.

Claim 86. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 74, wherein at least one of said binder resins is a polyolefin.

Claim 87. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 79, wherein said fibrillatable or fibrillated material is a fibrillatable or fibrillated polymer.

Claim 88. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 87, wherein said polymer is a fibrillatable or fibrillated copolymer.

Claim 89. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 88, wherein said fibrillatable or fibrillated copolymer is a fibrillatable or fibrillated ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer.

Claim 90. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 73, wherein said surface is a porous surface.

Claim 91. (Previously Presented) The erasable colored pencil lead composition of claim 90, wherein said porous surface is paper.